

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are cancelled in this application. New Claims 41-45 have been added to claim the allowable subject matters of Claims 8, 21, 22, 27 and 28. Applicant reserves the rights to pursue the cancelled claims by filing a continuation, a continuation-in-part, or divisional application. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Applicant has gratefully noted that the Examiner has acknowledged that Claim 8 is directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C 112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Furthermore, Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 21, 22, 27 and 28 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Hence the objected claims are rewritten into new Claims 41-45.

In response to the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C 112, 2nd paragraph, the limitation "the upper and lower layers" has been replaced by "first and second material" in new Claim 41.

For the convenience of the Examiner's review, the new claims and their corresponding original claims are summarized as follows:

Claim 41 (Claim 8 + Claim 1 + Claims 5 – 7);

Claim 42 (Claim 21 + Claim 12 + Claims 18&20);

Claim 43 (Claim 22 + Claim 12);

Claim 44 (Claim 27 + Claim 12);

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Claim 45 (Claim 28 + Claim 27 + Claim 12)

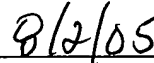
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Attached is a check for \$200.00 to cover the additional fee for 1 more independent claim than was originally paid for in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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